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1. [REDACTED] THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE (PCCH), THE PARTY HAS RECEIVED A REPORT IT CONSIDERS RELIABLE THAT SOME PCCH LEADERS WHO DISAPPEARED IN LATE 1976 ARE BEING HELD BY SECURITY FORCES NEAR MEDOZA, ARGENTINA. [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] THAT PARTY LEADERS BELIEVE THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT, REACTING TO THE NEW EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS BY THE UNITED STATES, MAY BE PLANNING MOVES TO IMPROVE CHILE'S IMAGE BEFORE THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, [REDACTED] THE PCCH HAS CONFIRMED THROUGH "DIPLOMATIC SOURCES" THAT THIS IS THE CHILEAN INTENTION.

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PARTY LEADERS SPECULATE THAT AS A RESULT, THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT WILL CAUSE MANY "DISAPPEAREDS" TO COME TO LIGHT IN ARGENTINA, URUGUAY AND BRAZIL AS WELL AS IN CHILE, AND [REDACTED] [REDACTED] THE PCCH FURTHER SPECULATES THAT THOSE WHO ARE "FOUND" IN CHILE WILL BE TRIED PUBLICLY IN ORDER TO GIVE MAXIMUM PUBLICITY TO THEIR REAPPEARANCE.

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5. (EMBASSY COMMENT: VIRTUALLY THE ONLY ACCOUNTS WE HAVE RECEIVED THIS YEAR CLAIMING THAT MISSING PERSONS HAVE BEEN SEEN AFTER THEIR DISAPPEARANCE CAN BE TRACED TO COMMUNIST SOURCES. THE PCCH HAS GOOD REASON TO KEEP ALIVE HOPES AND TO INCRIMINATE OTHER SOUTHERN CONE GOVERNMENTS IN THE CHILEAN DISAPPEARANCE PROBLEM. WITH REGARD TO THE STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO AMBASSADOR DIEZ, WE KNOW THAT THE GOC IS MAKING A SUBSTANTIAL EFFORT TO LOCATE PERSONS NAMED ON VARIOUS LISTS OF MISSING AND TO GENERATE PROOF THAT SOME ARE LIVING CLANDESTINELY HERE OR ABROAD. WE DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOC COULD FIND AS MANY AS TWO HUNDRED SUCH PEOPLE.)

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